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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hirokazu IGUCHI et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: 09/700,171

Examiner: Rip A. Lee

Filed: November 13, 2000

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2138

For: **VINYL CHLORIDE RESIN COMPOSITION AND MOLDED OBJECT
COMPRISING THE SAME**

PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1713

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 22, 2003

Sir:

Applicants herein petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a) for a six-month suspension of action by the Patent Office. Applicants submit herewith the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

REMARKS

In response to an Advisory Action issued on November 26, 2002, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination on December 27, 2002.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner noted Applicants' traversal of the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,996,173 to Heichele et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,670,509 to Aoyama et al. The Examiner asserted that Applicants' calculation of specific viscosity is based on the notion that viscosity and concentration are related linearly, and the Examiner asserts that this is not the case. The Examiner notes that the example

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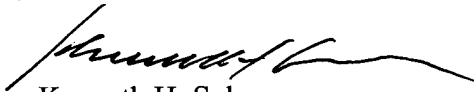
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provided in the declaration is not convincing because it is not representative of the graft polymer of Aoyama et al., and notes that different polymers can be expected to possess different physical properties.

Applicants recognize that submission of additional experimental data and/or further amendment of the claims could be required in order to further prosecute the application. Applicants submit that they require a suspension of action to provide additional time to gather experimental data, and Applicants submit that the above explanation provides good and sufficient cause for such suspension. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the suspension of action for a period of six months.

Respectfully submitted,

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